



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/199,655
Applicants : RICHARD A. MATHIES, ET AL.
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Title : MICROPLATE SAMPLE AND REAGENT LOADING SYSTEM

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RESPONSE & AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extension for time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 10-0233-AFFY-0019-UT1.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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